

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
COLUMBUS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

HOWATDRICK JONES

Case Nos:4:22-CR-00012-CDL-MSH

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S UNOPPOSED
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE**

Defendant was indicted on May 10, 2022, and arraigned on August 24, 2023. (Docs. 1 & 13). The Pretrial Conference for this term was held on January 23, 2024. The defendant requests a continuance, and the government does not oppose. Specifically, Defendant's counsel will need additional time to review discovery with the defendant; conduct investigation, complete legal research, and further discuss the government's case in chief with Mr. Jones.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above-referenced matter be continued to next term of Court set for September 2024 and that the Speedy Trial deadline for the trial in this matter imposed by 18 U.S.C. § 3161(c)(1) be extended to that time.

The Court finds that the ends of justice served by granting of this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the Defendants in a speedy trial because a failure to grant such continuance could result in a miscarriage of justice and would deny counsel for Mr. Jones, and the government the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation. 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A)-(B). The delay occasioned by this continuance shall not be considered in calculating the speedy trial deadline under the Speedy Trial Act.

SO ORDERED, this **24th** day of **January, 2024**.

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CLAY D. LAND
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE